



At Pastors' and Laity School In Conway

Shown are principals in the Arkansas School for Pastors and Laity currently in session at Hendrix College, Conway. From left are Dr. Francis Christie of the Hendrix faculty, preacher for the four-day session, Dr. Rolk Knierim of The School of Theology at Claremont (Calif.), teacher of the course "Old Testament Exegesis," Dr. Lindsay Pherigo of St. Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, who is teaching the course "New Testament Exegesis," the Rev. Jon D. Guthrie of the Hendrix staff, dean of the School, and the Rev. William D. Elliott of Monticello, chairman of the School's Board of Managers. Approximately 100 pastors and lay persons are registered for the event, which adjourns at noon Thursday.

Oklahoman to deliver Pierce Lectures

The Tenth Series of the J. Richard and Elsie Smith Pierce Christian Lectures will be held at First United Methodist Church in Pine Bluff, Sept. 19-21. Dr. Fred B. Craddock of Enid, Okla., professor of preaching and New Testament at the Graduate Seminary of Phillips University, will be the guest lecturer. His six messages during the three-day series will explore "the basic nature of Christian relationships as developed in the teachings of Jesus in the gospel of Matthew."

Lectures will be given twice daily, at 10:45 on Sunday morning, at 10 o'clock on Monday and Tuesday mornings, and at 7:30 each evening. Titles of the messages are, Please Take Me Seriously, But Whoever Looks With Lust, Do Not Swear at All, Offended by the Grace of God, A Meal for One, and No One Fasts at a Party. An informal fellowship hour will follow each lecture.

A native of Humboldt, Tenn., Dr. Craddock is a graduate of Johnson Bible College, Knoxville, Tenn., and earned the bachelor of divinity degree from Phillips University in 1953. He earned



Dr. Fred B. Craddock

the Ph.D. degree from Vanderbilt University in 1964 and has done further graduate study in Tubingen, Germany. He has served as a pastor of several Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregations.

Dr. Craddock is widely known as a

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Sept. 19 is 'Ministry Sunday'

The making of a minister

Local churches, seminary, join in 'Intern Program'

It takes more than "a call," a seminary, and years of classroom work to "produce a minister." Especially one who is adequately equipped to meet the heavy demands which contemporary society places upon a spiritual leader. A vital role in that process is played by local congregations and individual pastors who are faithfully and creatively fulfilling their mission.

That is the theory, basically, which lies behind a program which this last week began its fifth year in Arkansas. Sponsored by SMU's Perkins School of Theology, the Perkins Intern Program has placed six "ministers-in-training" in five Arkansas local churches and in one institution of higher education. The six are among 75 Perkins students who are currently serving such internships throughout five states in the Southwest.

According to the Rev. Craig Emerich, associate director of the program and seminary supervisor for the Little Rock Field Unit (composed of the six participating Arkansas localities), the purpose of the program is "to fully immerse our students in 'doing ministry' on the notion that they learn best by doing." Emerich, in Little Rock last week for the launching of this year's project, said that while most of United Methodism's 12 seminaries have field education programs, the Perkins project is unique in that it is required for all students.

Emerich said that all senior students at Perkins, in order to meet the basic degree requirements, must spend a minimum of one semester (approximately four months) in some type of "on-the-job training" project. They may elect to serve up to 12 months in such programs. Emerich said that most students choose to serve either nine or 12 months on their field assignment. Each of the six students working in the current program in Arkansas have contracted with their local church or institution to remain for a full nine-months term.

Arkansas Churches Participating

Arkansas United Methodist local churches participating in the project this year are St. Paul Church in El Dorado, First Church in Dumas, Pulaski Heights Church in Little Rock, Lakeside Church in Pine Bluff

and First Church in Newport. Each minister-in-training will assume the full scope of ministerial duties under the leadership of the church's pastor, who serves as his field instructor. One student will be related to Hendrix College and will focus on the responsibilities of the campus ministry. His field instructor will be the college's minister to students.

While last year's group of interns included two women students, the current group of six are all males. Four of them are married. (See accompanying item for names of interns and field instructors.)

Participants listed

Participants in the Perkins Intern Program in Arkansas United Methodism are listed below:

St. Paul Church, El Dorado — The Rev. David S. H. Cressman of Tulsa, Okla., a member of the Oklahoma Conference. Field Instructor (pastor): the Rev. F. Gladwin Connell.

First Church, Dumas — The Rev. Glen David Deere of Sparkman, Ark., a member of the Little Rock Conference. Field Instructor: the Rev. George A. Tanner.

Hendrix College, Conway — The Rev. Richard Alan Lancaster of Fayetteville, Ark., a member of the North Arkansas Conference. Field Instructor: the Rev. Jon D. Guthrie.

Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock — The Rev. Eric Wilcox Parker of Baldwinsville, N.Y., a member of the Central New York Conference. Field Instructor: Dr. James B. Argue.

Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff — The Rev. Frederick Arthur Robinson of Columbus, O., a member of the Ohio (West) Conference. Field Instructor: the Rev. Ed Matthews.

First Church, Newport — The Rev. Richard T. White of Fulton, Mo., a member of the Missouri (East) Conference. Field Instructor: the Rev. Jim Beal.

Each of the 75 interns has the B.A. or another undergraduate degree and has completed at least two full years at the seminary. Immediately prior to beginning their field work this last week, the group completed an intensive orientation period, under the direction of Dr. James Gwaltney, administrative director of the Intern Program, Dr. Claus Rohlfis and Dr. Zan Holmes, director and associate director, respectively. Numerous other Perkins faculty members and clinical consultants from the Dallas community have related to the pre-field service period of instruction for the 75 ministers-in-training.

A unique feature of the Perkins program is that it is done in cooperation with the Roman Catholic Oblate College of the Southwest, located in San Antonio, Tex. Eleven Roman Catholic deacons are participating in the project, serving in Catholic parishes and sharing in the Growth Groups and Theological Integration Seminars, regular features of the program.

"I don't know of another program of its kind," Emerich said. "The Oblate College approached Perkins — their enrollment is small and they have only a part-time person in field work. We saw how both institutions could benefit from a cooperative program. There is a real enrichment for our students in seeing the making of a Catholic priest. It helps them to understand who they are as United Methodists. And there are, too, a lot of elements in common in our Christian ministry — a lot more in common than our differences, which have been so emphasized. There are many benefits from our working together," Emerich said.

How It Works

In order for a local church to participate in the program, it must agree to take on the role of a "teaching congregation" and provide a modest stipend and housing and car allowance. The stipend for one semester is \$1,575; for two semesters (approximately nine months), \$3,650, and for a 12 month term, approximately \$5,000.

Emerich said the seminary was "not interested in just

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Arkansas' United Methodist ministerial students listed

As a means of contributing to the observance of Ministry Sunday (Sept. 19), the Boards of the Ordained Ministry of each of the two annual conferences of Arkansas United Methodism have submitted to the Arkansas Methodist the names of those college and seminary students under their jurisdiction. Those students, and the institutions which they attend, are listed below.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE SEMINARY STUDENTS:

Asbury Seminary: John David Darnell, David E. Swift.

Candler School of Theology: Charles F. Murray, Walter L. Smith.

Gammon Theological School: Joy L. Thornton.

Harvard Divinity School: James P. Stobaugh.

Iliff School of Theology: Rodney G. Steele.

Pacific School of Religion: Gary W. Barbaree.

Perkins School of Theology: Don F. Armstrong, Robert C. Armstrong, David M. Barbaree, William Samuel Briant Jr., David Deere, Thomas M. Haley, C. Robert Hosley, Fred W. Hunter, Michael C. Mitchell, James E. Pledger, Henry A. Ratliff Jr., David R. Steele, William N. Steele.

St. Paul School of Theology: Roger C. Armstrong, Davis E. Thompson.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE COLLEGE STUDENTS:

East Texas State University: William J. Head, John W. Hogan.

Hendrix College: Michael A. Macdonald, John P. Miles II.

Henderson State University: Steven D. Barker, William Martin Nicholas, Jerry Don Roberts.

Southern Arkansas University: Larry Martineau.

University of Arkansas at Monticello: Marion Fleming.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE SEMINARY STUDENTS:

Asbury Seminary: Steve Brizzi, Donna Sue Corbitt, Rex Darling, Ronald Durham, Lester G. Pettus.

Candler School of Theology: Mark Lasater, Dennis Spence.

Duke Divinity School: Phillip E. Sims.

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary: Doyle Blanton.

Memphis Theological Seminary: John Benham, David Bentley, Jimmy Faye Brooks, John H. Brown.

Methodist Theological School in Ohio: Thomas E. Anderson.

Perkins School of Theology: Jacob Cline, Robert O. Crossman, Marcia Crossman, Bonda Sue Deere, Roger B. Hook, Richard Lancaster, Dana Thomason, Barbara Wulfekuhler, Kurt Wulfekuhler.

St. Paul School of Theology: Tom Francis, Carroll D. Jackson, Charles E. Liddle, Larry Spears.

Union Theological Seminary: Ronald P. McDonald.

Vanderbilt University Divinity School: Robert C. Bell, Michael Hughes.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE COLLEGE STUDENTS:

Arkansas College: Michael T. Hollowell.

Arkansas State University: Russell M. Bailey, Darrell R. Kersey, David P. Orr, Michael G. Orr, Carlos B. Summers.

Arkansas Tech University: Joe Gramlin, Joel League.

East Arkansas Community College: Billy F. Powell.

Hendrix College: Susan Gladin Christie, Douglas E. Edwards III.

Southern Methodist University: Barbara Wulfekuhler.

University of Arkansas: James S. Williams, Samuel B. Williams Jr.

Westark Junior College: Paul L. Dubar.

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INTERN PROGRAM

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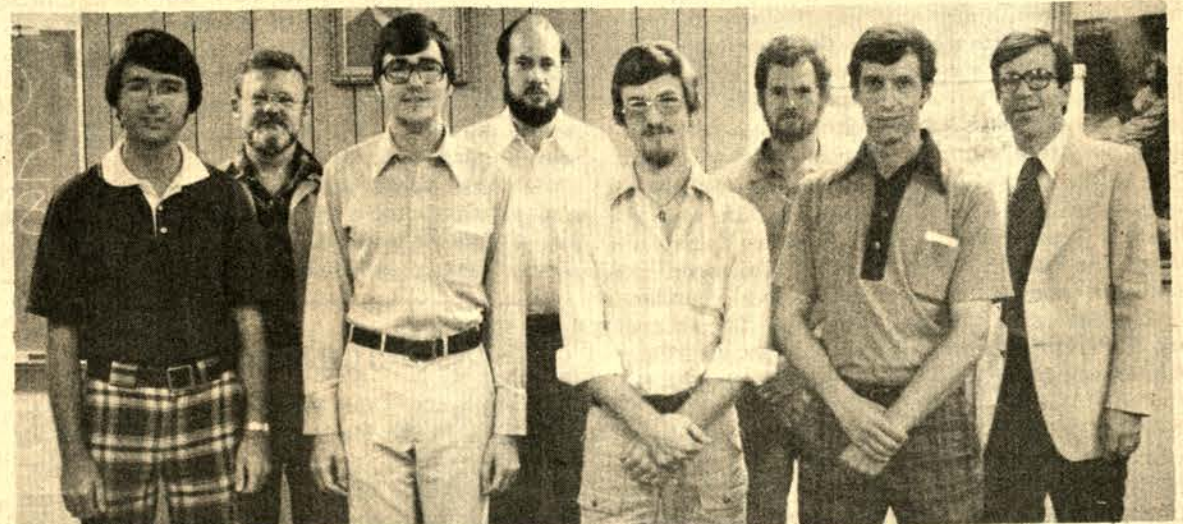
providing inexpensive labor." He said that while the congregation has the right to expect fruitful leadership from the intern, it also takes upon itself a commitment to assist in the training of the young minister. "And," said Emerich, "we've found that the lay people are really excited to have this kind of association with the seminary."

Throughout their field assignments, the ministers-in-training are given support and evaluation by a local church Intern Committee. The committee is composed of from six to eight members, with both sexes and all age groups represented, Emerich said, and is "preferably made up of people with diverse theological orientation."

As seminary supervisor, Emerich visited personally with each of the six host committees, conducting training seminars prior to the arrival of their minister-in-training. "The first thing we do," he said, "is work out a learning covenant, in which mutual expectations are set forth — what each expects of the other. It's sort of a job description. Then we set learning goals for the nine-months period." He said the effectiveness of the local committee is vital to the success of the internship. Each local committee is provided a manual, prepared by the seminary, for use in lending support and providing evaluation of the intern's work.

Another major feature of the project is the provision, by Perkins, of a professional consultant to relate to the ministers-in-training throughout their internship. The seminary has contracted with Mr. Louis W. Hyde Jr., a professional social worker with the Arkansas Psychiatric Clinic in Little Rock, to meet once each three weeks with the six interns in a "growth group" setting in which the focus is on interpersonal relationships, the identity and meaning of their personhood, and on personal growth.

In addition, the consultant will meet monthly with the



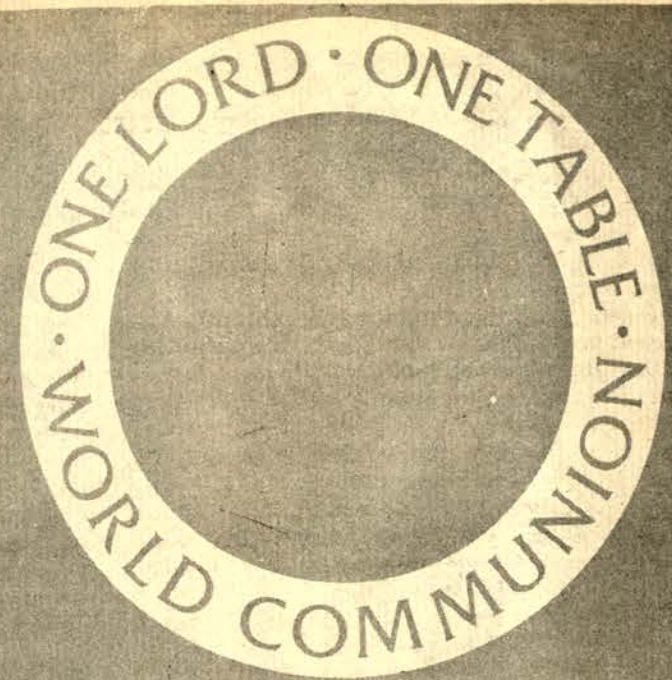
Perkins Interns And Consultants

Participants in the Little Rock Field Unit of Perkins School of Theology's Intern Program are, from left, the Rev. Fredrick A. Robinson of Columbus, O., (assigned to Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff); Consultant Louis W. Hyde Jr. of Little Rock; the Rev. David S. H. Cressman of Tulsa, Okla., (St. Paul Church, El Dorado); the Rev. Eric W. Parker of Baldwinsville, N.Y., (Pulaski Heights Church, Little

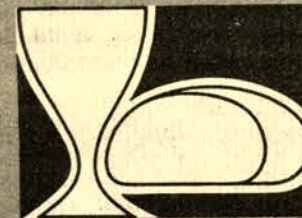
Rock); the Rev. Richard T. White of Fulton, Mo., (First Church, Newport); the Rev. Richard A. Lancaster of Fayetteville, Ark., (Hendrix College); the Rev. Glen D. Deere of Sparkman, Ark. (First Church, Dumas), and the Rev. Craig Emerich of Dallas, seminary supervisor for the project in Arkansas.

six field instructors, and it is anticipated that at least three other sessions will be held during the nine-months term with the interns and their spouses. In a key feature of the intern's training, two "Theological Integration Seminars," for interns and field instructors, will be held during the term, led by Perkins faculty members. In addition, a seminar with the resident bishop will be held in the fall, with the interns only (without their field instructors) participating.

In evaluating the program, Emerich said the seminary is highly pleased with the four previous years' experience. "While we don't have all the pieces together, we do feel like the local congregation, the local church, has a very important teaching function to offer. And we are delighted to share with lay members of the local church the responsibility of teaching young ministers. The laity are a tremendous teaching resource which we have just barely tapped."



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PIERCE LECTURES

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lecturer at church assemblies, ministers' institutes and on college campuses. He is the author of two books, **The Pre-Existence of Christ** and **As One Without Authority**, and was editor of a volume in the Proclamation Series of Fortress Press.

The Pierce Lectures were established in 1968 by Dr. and Mrs. J. Richard Pierce Jr. and family as a memorial to Dr. Pierce's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Richard Pierce, long-time members of Pine Bluff's First United Methodist Church. Host pastor, Dr. John W. Lindsay, extends an invitation to all to attend the series.

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Pastoral care, not social issues, first priority, ministers say

NEW YORK (RNS — An ecumenical poll of 2,490 ministers in five Protestant denominations, sponsored by the National Council of Churches, has found that most give low priority to speaking out on social issues or working for social justice.

In general, the clergy surveyed felt that the most important task of the church is helping members to be Christians in all aspects of their lives. Sermon preparation received the most attention of a list of activities engaged in each week by the ministers polled.

The survey, which was taken from December 1975 through January 1976, involved clergy of the Reformed Church in America, United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, United Presbyterian Church, and United Church of Canada. It was said to be the first such ecumenical poll taken.

It was conducted for the NCC's Office of Research, Evaluation and Planning under the supervision of Douglas W. Johnson, executive director of the Institute for Church Development, Ridgewood, N.J.

Report of the survey results found that "denominations are not providing the amount of pastoral care that ministers would like to have or feel they need. Seven out of ten want such care. This would deal with such feelings as loneliness and frustration as well as other issues."

Denominational breakdowns indicated that "the provision of pastoral care appears to be intimately related to denominational polity and organization." The report said that "it appears, from the clergy's point of view, that the polity and organization of the more free tradition is less likely to help them during their periods of personal need than is the case of a connexional system as represented by the United Methodists."

Biblical Studies Most Important

In the area of preparation for ministry, biblical studies ranked as the most important element of the curriculum. This category was considered "very important" by 87 per cent of the respondents.

In contrast, the report said, "theological studies was a more distant second (ranked 'very important' by 61 per cent) then would be expected. The practical necessity of working with people in trouble elevated preparation in counseling to the third level of importance (ranked 'very important' by 52 per cent)."

Another question in the survey asked respondents to indicate the effectiveness of their training in various categories. This found that "the least effective training occurred in membership recruitment." The report commented, "One wonders at the correlation between the ineffective nature of such training and the decline of church members experienced by the denominations participating in the survey."

The survey report also emphasized that "Christian education is one of the four subjects with the greatest disparity between importance and effectiveness of training. This is a general indictment of the quality of Christian education preparation of parish clergy in these denominations."

Two questions dealt with reactions to the programs of ecumenical organizations. The first asked whether such agencies as the National and World Councils of Churches and the Consultation on Church Union are "valid expressions of ministry," and the other asked for an indication of the degree of approval of the programs and positions of the National Council of Churches.

With regard to the first, the three agencies listed received a higher response in Canada than in the United States. About two-thirds of the U.S. respondents considered them "valid expressions of ministry," compared with 81 per cent of the Canadian clergy.

The second question, regarding agreement with the NCC, found nearly 73 per cent of the Canadian clergy in agreement with their National Council of Churches, while 57 per cent of the U.S. clergy approved of their national ecumenical agency.

Denominational breakdowns on these two questions found the most positive responses coming from the United Church of Canada, while the least favorable came from the Reformed Church in America.

On Social Action

Despite the generally low ranking of social-action priorities by respondents, the survey report also found that a great variation among denominations occurred on this item regarding the ranking of the most important tasks facing the church today.

The report said that "leading the way in social issues" was more important than either "care of the old" or "supporting world mission" for the United Church of Canada clergy. In contrast, it added, this item "was almost of no concern for Reformed Church in America clergy, who gave it a mean rank of 4.60." (The scale went from a rank of 1 for "very important" through higher numbers on an open-ended scale of decreasing importance.)

A question asking respondents to indicate which ministerial tasks they felt they had spent "too little time" in found 61 percent giving home visitation a prominent ranking. The report commented, "This is a rather interesting statistic given the discussion in recent years about whether or not ministers should devote a great deal of time to home visitation. Obviously this group feels that they did not do enough, which suggests that they are inclined toward member home visitation."

One series of questions asked opinions on gun control. Registration of all firearms was supported by 72 per cent of the respondents, licensing of all gun owners received an affirmative response from 51.5 per cent, and the banning of all handguns from private ownership and use except in extremely limited instances was endorsed by 49.9 per cent.

Other questions in the survey dealt with personal characteristics (age, sex, race, marital status), education, nature of employment, and salaries.

(Copies of the survey report are available at \$1.50 each from the Office of Research, Evaluation and Planning of the National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10027.)

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Series on 'Preaching Task' offered

St. Paul School of Theology will host its annual combined Bishop Slater-Willson and Wertsch Lectures Oct. 19-20 at the institution's campus in Kansas City. "The Preaching Task in Our Contemporary Society" will be the theme for the event, which will feature lectures, workshops and discussion sessions.

Lecturer for the eleventh annual Bishop Slater-Willson Lectures will be Dr. Harrell F. Beck, professor of Old Testament at Boston University School of Theology. The Rev. William B. McClain, senior minister of Union United Methodist Church in Boston, will give the Wertsch Lectures, the 17th in that series of annual addresses.

The two-day event will offer workshops on such topics as Updating Theology, Theological Foundations for Church Administration, Current Topics in New Testament Study, Biblical Narrative Preaching, Issues in the 1976 Presidential Election, Resources for

Worship and Women in Ministry. Panel discussions will be held on the topics, Faithful Competence in Today's Ministry and Reflections on Preaching.

Among other program participants will be Dr. Thomas C. Campbell, academic vice president of United Theological Seminary, New Brighton, Minn., Dr. Douglass E. Fitch, Division of the Ordained Ministry, Board of Higher Education of The United Methodist Church, the Rev. Janice R. Huie, pastor of St. Mark United Methodist Church, Austin, Tex., and members of the faculty of the host institution.

A detailed brochure on the event, giving information regarding registration and housing, may be secured by writing to: Mrs. Mary Jo Kingsbury, Director of Auxiliary Services, St. Paul School of Theology, 5123 Truman Road, Kansas City, Mo. 64127.

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Off the Top of the Head

Blues in the night

I'll tell you a secret if you'll promise not to pass it around: I'm learning to play the harmonica.

Now before you get all excited about how nice that is, etc., let me be quick to inform you that it's not so much a case of "want to" as it is of "have to."

It all began with the bicycle trips our young son and I have been taking this summer. On such outings he always takes his Jew's harp along and strums, or thumbs (or whatever it is you do to a Jew's harp) a bunch of tunes (?) during our frequent rest stops.

Now I'm a long way from being anti-Semitic, but it doesn't take much thumbin' to fill my quota of Jew's harp solos. I've tried whistling and even singing to break up the constant droning, but to no avail. I finally decided that my only recourse was to mount some sort of counter offensive.

A piano was out of the question — I don't play one anyway — so after researching the matter I decided that I could be about as offensive on a harmonica as on any other instrument, and it was a whole lot easier to carry on our trips than, say, a tuba.

And I am now delighted to report that my repertoire is growing handsomely. To date I can play, all the way through, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" (my best number), "Froggy Went a-Courtin', He did Stride" (too fast; gets me mixed up), "Abide With Me," "I Spied a Young Cowpoke All Dressed in Fine Linen," "O Happy Day," and about two thirds — unfortunately not all in sequence — of "Home On the Range." (I'd give a pretty if I could do "Edelweiss" and the theme from Dr. Zhivago, but for the life of me I can't get my harmonica to make all the notes those tunes require. That's really frustrating.)

I've found that the best time to practice is while I'm driving. Alone. You have to be pretty tough skinned to do even that, though, because on-coming and passing cars just about leave the road when their drivers try to figure out whether I'm eating something or trying to extract a tooth. So I've decided to do most of my practice while driving after dark. (I learned three whole tunes one night last week between Mountain Home and Little Rock. Not bad, I'd say.)

Oh well, even though Chuck isn't too pleased with my selections — he wants "something faster" — it beats constant Jew's harp solos. And besides, whoever heard of anyone getting in trouble while playing a harmonica?

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Little Rock Conference UMW announces proposed slate of officers

A new policy, established by the Women's Division of The United Methodist Church, requires the publication of names of persons nominated for conference offices in the organization of United Methodist Women in advance of the annual election of officers.

The following slate of officers has been proposed by the nominating committee of the Little Rock Conference organization of United Methodist Women, and will be placed before that body for a vote at the Third Annual Meeting, which will be held at First United Methodist Church, Arkadelphia, on Saturday, Oct. 9:

President — Mrs. Hubert Blakley, 219 North St., Benton, Ark. 72105.

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Chairperson of Committee on Nominations — Mrs. Mary Seaton, 109 South St., Camden, Ark. 71701.

Associate Treasurer — Mrs. Virginia Guthrie, 600 Dundee St., Camden, Ark. 71701.

The Nominating Committee shall be composed of:

(Previously Elected):

Mrs. George McClure, Malvern, to 1978;

Mrs. Hilliard Stroud, McGehee, to 1978.

(To Be Elected):

Mrs. Doris Norman, Little Rock, to 1977 (filling unexpired term).

Mrs. Winston Deane, Pine Bluff, to 1979.

Mrs. W. D. Cohea, Hope, to 1979.

THERE SHALL BE OPPORTUNITY FOR NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

All offices are for a two (2) year term except chairperson of nominations which is one year.

Hendrix College names new staff member

Hendrix College has announced that J. Mike Rogers, a native of Pine Bluff, has been named director of college relations at the Conway institution. He will administer the college's public relations program and edit its publications. He succeeds Mr. William H. Whitten. Prior to assuming the post on Sept. 1, Rogers was assistant sports information director at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Va.

Rogers, 26 years old, earned the B.S. degree in Broadcasting from Arkansas State University in 1972 and did graduate study at Old Dominion University. While at ASU he was president of the Broadcaster's Club and was a charter member of the university's chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi. He spent three years as an officer in the U. S. Army, with service as chief of the News Branch and later as chief of the Command Information Branch at Fort Bragg, N. C.

Rogers is married to the former Sharon Lea Holt of El Dorado.

'A long road from patrolman to doctor's degree'

A period of time in the Army as a lieutenant changed the whole career of Harry Budd of Fayetteville. At the end of six years in the service he found himself unsure as to what he wanted to do with his life. So, Budd became a patrolman with the Little Rock Police Department.

A lot of decisions were made during those years with the Department. As a result, Budd received a doctor of higher education administration degree last Spring at the University of Arkansas.

Earlier he had earned his bachelor's degree from Philander Smith College in Little Rock and taught in the Pulaski County School System for 10 years.

Still not satisfied, Budd qualified for a professional teacher's scholarship, enrolled in graduate school at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and earned a master of arts degree in foreign languages.

He likes the academic community and wanted to be a part of it either in administration or teaching. He is doing both.

"There was a time when I considered law but I prefer working with youth and I'm happy doing just that," Budd said. He is director of Special Services at the U of A and teaches Spanish and a freshman orientation class.

Budd has worked closely with youth since he received his master's degree. He was an assistant dean in the Division of Student Affairs before accepting his present position about five years ago. Easy-going, he is comfortable in the presence of students and, in return, they relate well to his warm personality.

In addition to his work and study at the university, Budd has continued his study of the performing arts. He has been singing all of his life. He doesn't remember when he first began but he does remember encouragement from his mother, "who had a beautiful soprano voice." It was music that introduced him to his wife, the former Jane Dyer of Little Rock, a registered electro-encephalogram technologist with Washington Regional Hospital in Fayetteville. The Budds have a son, Arthur, who



Dr. Harry Budd

graduated from Fayetteville High School in 1975 and last Spring completed his freshman year at Harding College in Searcy.

"In Little Rock I sang with the choir at Wesley Methodist Church and the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. Jane sang with Bullock Temple choir," he says.

"I love singing, serious singing, but I never really considered it for a career," Budd said. He learned mostly by himself, watching others, and, in later years, under the direction of music professors at the University.

Budd also is a member of Central United Methodist Chancel Choir in Fayetteville and often is a featured soloist. This he enjoys with his wife, who also sings in the choir.

At the university, Budd has sung important roles. Works of the masters in music and drama are not foreign to him. Because of his love for opera and drama, he frequently is cast in opera workshop and theatrical productions, and also performs with the Arts Center of the Ozarks Theater at Springdale.

It's been a long road from patrolman to a doctoral degree but "it's worth it and I encourage others to do the same," Budd said.

Attention, North Arkansas pastors

Each pastor in the North Arkansas Conference is requested to send immediately to Mr. Robert D. Cheyne, Conference lay leader, the name of the person who will be their speaker on Laity Sunday, Oct. 10. If any special program is planned, such information should also be submitted. Pastors desiring an extra copy of the Laity Sunday folder (with scripture and sermon suggestions) may request one from Mr. Cheyne.

Send information to: Mr. Robert D. Cheyne, 307 Crestview Drive, Bentonville, Ark. 72712.

(Names of Laity Sunday speakers must reach Mr. Cheyne by Sept. 27 in order to appear with the list to be printed in the Oct. 7 issue of the *Arkansas Methodist*.)

News roundup from World Methodist Conference

DUBLIN, Ireland (UMC) — Concern for world economic conditions, evangelism, ecumenical ties, human rights in South Korea, Southern Africa and Northern Ireland, and the need for hearing the voices of laity — particularly women and youth — in its own ranks marked the 13th World Methodist Conference here Aug. 15-31, and concurrent meetings of the World Methodist Council.

Some 2,500 persons attended the sessions here, coming from 60 Methodist and Methodist-related denominations at work in 90 countries. Related meetings of the World Federation of Methodist Women and other groups also were held in and around this historic city which John Wesley first visited in 1746.

In other business, the sessions here saw the selection of a new eight-member Presidium for the World Methodist

Council (WMC) and other officers; installation of new leaders of the Executive Committee which guides the affairs of the council between meetings; and approval of a new secretariat to succeed two men who are retiring.

The Rev. Joe Hale, a native of Arkansas — now residing at Lake Junaluska, N.C., was installed as General Secretary succeeding the Rev. Lee F. Tuttle. The Rev. Kenneth G. Greet of the United Kingdom was installed as new chairman of the Executive Committee.

Accepting a document presented by its international affairs committee, the 450-member WMC affirmed the concept of a new world order based on economic, social and political justice, and urged its member churches to engage in study, reflection, dialogue and action in seeking such a goal.

Methodists Urged To Support Human Rights

Another action condemned the sentencing of 18 church leaders in South Korea on Aug. 28 for terms of up to eight years and urged the government "to overturn these verdicts." The action also calls on Methodists everywhere "to pray for the people of South Korea and to support those who witness to social justice and human rights in Korea.

Apartheid in Southern Africa and "the wanton slaughter of unarmed black men, women and children" in South Africa was condemned in a sweeping resolution offered by African Methodist Episcopal Zion Bishop Rueben L. Sparks of Roosevelt, N.Y.

"We urge all nations, church groups and multinational corporations to support United Nations economic sanctions

against apartheid states of Southern Africa and the withholding of investments," the action said. Apartheid is called "codified, congealed racism" which condemns black Africans "to permanent inferiority and poverty."

Concern for the situation in Northern Ireland included participation by several hundred Methodists in peace marches in Dublin and Belfast. Upwards of 50,000 persons took part in the demonstrations which were organized by Protestant and Roman Catholic women in the two cities.

In a major address to the World Methodist Conference, the Rev. Eric Gallagher of Northern Ireland traced the history of the situation in his homeland and called for the mounting of education campaigns in "every parish, circuit and congregation" to continue "until every

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Survey finds most people optimistic in face of uncertainties

CHICAGO (RNS) — "The Ultimate Values of the American Population," a study conducted by Dr. William McCready of the National Opinion Research Center here, found that Americans generally respond optimistically to situations of tragedy and death, though a majority do not frame their responses in religious terms.

In the survey on which the study is based, people were asked to imagine themselves in several real life situations and to choose one response among several possible.

Here are samples of the questions and possible responses, with percentages in parentheses indicating the answers chosen by participating adults and adolescents:

"You have just visited your doctor and he told you that you have less than a year to live. He has also told you that your disease is incurable. Which of the following statements comes closest to expressing your reaction?"

- "There is nothing I can do about it so I will continue as before" (39 percent of adults, 26 percent of adolescents).
- "I have had a full life and am thankful for that" (18 percent adults, 14 percent adolescents).
- "No one should question the goodness of God's decision about death" (14, 9).
- "It will all work out for the best somehow" (13, 6).
- "I cannot answer this question" (10, 15).
- "Death is painful, but it is not the end of me" (5, 5).

- "I am angry and bitter at this twist of fate" (4, 6).
- "None of the above" (4, 17).

"Imagine that one of your parents is dying a slow and painful death and try to figure out for yourself if there is anything that will enable you to understand the meaning of such a tragedy. Which, if any, of the following statements best expresses your state of mind in this situation?"

- "We can at least be thankful for the good life we have had together" (20 percent of adults, 24 percent of adolescents).
- "They are in pain now, but they will be peaceful soon" (18 percent adults, 12 percent adolescents).
- "Everything that happens is God's will and cannot be bad" (21, 15).
- "This waiting is inhuman for them, I hope it ends soon" (13, 13).
- "This is tragic, but death is not the ultimate end for us" (13, 9).
- "I cannot answer this question" (7, 11).
- "There is nothing to do but wait for the end" (5, 5).
- "None of the above" (3, 10).

"Imagine that you have just had a child and that the doctor has informed you that it will be mentally retarded. Which of the following responses comes closest to your own feelings about this situation?"

- "God has sent us a heavy cross to bear and a special child to love" (20 percent of adults, 26 percent of adolescents).
- "God had His own reasons for sending this child to

us" (19 percent adults, 7 percent adolescents).

- "We will try to take care of this child, but it may have to be put in an institution; either way it will work out" (17, 11).
- "We must learn to accept this situation" (16, 20).
- "I cannot answer this question" (10, 17).
- "I love the baby but why me?" (3, 2).
- "I'm just plain glad to have the child here" (3, 11).
- "None of the above" (2, 5).

"Almost every year hurricanes level homes, flood towns, destroy property, and take human lives. How can we make any sense out of such disasters which happen, apparently, by chance?"

- "I am not able to explain why these things happen, but I still believe in God's love" (25 percent of adults, 25 percent of adolescents).
- "We cannot know why these occur and we have to learn to live with that fact" (24 percent adults, 28 percent adolescents).
- "We cannot know the reasons, but God knows them" (23, 9).
- "I am grateful that I don't live in a hurricane area" (10, 9).
- "We can never really understand these things, but they usually have some unexpected good effect" (5, 3).
- "I cannot answer this question" (5, 12).
- "The government is responsible for seeing that these disasters do as little harm as possible" (3, 5).
- "None of the above" (4, 9).

NEWS and opinion

summary by Doris Woolard

Mrs. Charles O. Morris of Atlanta, director of the Women's Christian Temperance Union education department, told the recent convention of that organization that "neither school nor church nor any other agency can take the place of the home and its training there, giving the qualities which every child needs for a clean life."

Mrs. Robert Fortner of Mt. Vernon, S.D., director of the WCTU Department of Home Protection, stated that "home influence is significant in home protection since the problems of our homes are the problems of our nation." She emphasized that "integrity is the most valuable legacy which can be handed to our children."

Miss Juanita Whisler of Evanston, WCTU promotion secretary, reported that "one of the great abuses of our nation is the battered and abused child. Today more than \$25 billion is being spent for alcohol and too often, the abused child is the victim of a drinking parent." Miss Whisler said, "...too frequently even children as young as five years of age are reported to have been treated for alcoholism in state and county mental hospitals."

Dr. Alan Walker, superintendent of the Central Methodist Mission of Sydney, Australia, addressing the World Methodist Youth Conference in Dublin, said that on traveling the length of South Africa he found the operation of apartheid worse than he had ever expected. Dr. Walker said "Apartheid is designed by white people for white people. Its purpose is to ensure the permanent supremacy of white South Africans, by condemning black South Africans to permanent inferiority and poverty." The evangelist maintained that "there is only one hope for South Africa — it is for

world opinion to be aroused and stand between the South African government and their victims, the black majority of their land."

Eight officials of a faction of the African National Council, headed by Salisbury's United Methodist Bishop Abel Muzorewa, have been sentenced to die by hanging. They were convicted by the Salisbury High Court of causing a series of explosions in which two persons were injured. Bishop Muzorewa is now in exile in Mozambique.

Eighteen prominent South Korean religious and political leaders — all Christians — have been meted out tough prison sentences following conviction in Seoul on charges of violating a 1975 decree banning all criticism of President Park Chung Hee or of the country's Constitution. A three-judge panel of the District Criminal Court ruled that the defendants had "distorted the political situation by claiming there was no freedom in this country."

David Toma, a Newark policeman whose work became the basis for a television series told participants in a Christian Family Movement convention in Altoona, Pa. that family life is the key to a "caring and loving" society. "Caring is discipline, love, understanding, working with your children," Mr. Toma said.

The Rev. Jim C. Brackett, pastor of a Virginia church, told an audience at Centenary United Methodist Church in Richmond that "In a society seething with selfishness, in a land pulsing with unrestrained passion, the words America needs to hear so desperately this year are not 'celebrate freedom,' but rather 'restrained living.'"

Howard Corry, general secretary of the New Zealand Student Christian Movement — an international ecumenical effort known for its social action — said in an article, "Clearly, the brave proponents of secular Christianity who in the '60s spoke of a humanity come of age and no longer in need of gods or God have proved to be false prophets."

From Our Readers

FACE THE TRUTH

To the Editor,

I really appreciate Reverend Theo Luter's efforts on behalf of Lay Pastors' and Associate Members' right to vote on many conference matters and issues. Let's face it "Ye men of truth," he is right and we all should swallow our pride and admit it, and then go about the business of doing something about it!!!

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FROM HENDRIX COLLEGE

To the Editor:

In the Aug. 19, 1976 issue of the **Arkansas Methodist** there was a letter from the Rev. Mr. Michael G. Orr in the "From Our Readers" column which raised the question about the relation-

ship between Hendrix College and The United Methodist Church. The question arose because in one of our admissions brochures the word "Methodist" does not appear.

The Rev. Mr. Orr has a valid point. We regret this oversight, and we are going to try to see that it does not happen again, because Hendrix College is proudly an educational institution of United Methodism in Arkansas. Our catalog affirms this fact. The commitment of the Board of Trustees and the College Administration is to do all that we can to strengthen the relationship between the College and The United Methodist Church.

Our thanks to the Rev. Mr. Orr for pointing out our oversight to us.

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Applications Sought

Applications are now being received for the office of **DIRECTOR OF STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE** of the Arkansas Area of The United Methodist Church (formerly known as the office of Area Treasurer).

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1. Keeping the financial records and accounts of the two Annual Conferences.
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Application forms may be secured in the Area Treasurer's office, 715 Center St., Little Rock, Ark. 72201. The deadline for applying is Sept. 30, 1976.

For further information contact Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, First United Methodist Church, 113 N. 8th St., Arkadelphia, Ark. 71923 (Phone: 246-2493) or Dr. Clint D. Burleson, Lakewood United Methodist Church, Fairview and Topf Rd., North Little Rock, Ark. 72116 (Phone: 753-6186).

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Set Free to Serve

Scriptures: Galatians 5:13-6:18

Christian Freedom Not a Release from Moral Responsibility

Most of Paul's letters close with a "so what" section. The "so what" section of Galatians is found in the last two chapters, from which the lesson for this week is taken.

Freedom is a heady business. Often it is taken to mean license — the right to do just as one pleases without regard to any restraint. Like most other good things, it is dangerous if misinterpreted or misused. Paul felt that he had to caution the Galatians — "For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another" (Gal. 5:13). The temptation to use one's freedom for self-serving ends (as opportunity for the flesh) always accompanies liberty, whether in personal or social contexts. This is the negative side of the coin of freedom.

Note that Paul asserts that we do not earn our freedom, but that we were called to it. That is, we gained it by accepting the invitation to be free. This involves responsibility, but we are still free to accept or refuse the call to responsibility. Even though faith, and faith alone, justifies us we are admonished to be responsible, but to do so freely and without threat of force. Saint Augustine was asked if he had any rules for the Christian life. He replied, "Love God and do as you please." At first glance this appears to be an irresponsible reply. What it means, however, is that we strive to bring our conduct into line with the demands of the love of God and man.

The major thrust of the passage under present consideration is that we are **set free to serve** (Gal. 5:13). To serve whom? Here Paul pulls a bit of a surprise. A glib answer would be that we are set free to serve God, but Paul says "to serve one another." Occasionally this point is missed in discussions of this sentence, but we should remind ourselves that our service to God is discharged through our service to one another. We shall return to this theme in the next section.

Living by the Spirit

The unifying text for this lesson is Galatians 5:25: "If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit." The "if" at the start of the sentence could as well be translated "since." In the church today there is much talk about "gifts of the Spirit." One wonders if all this talk about gifts causes us to neglect a concern for the **fruits** of the Spirit. Just prior to the sentence cited above Paul reminded his readers that "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Gal. 5:22). Life in the Spirit frees us to participate in the enjoyment of these fruits. Where such fruits are not in evidence it is likely that the Spirit is not present, no matter what the

claims of those who say that they have the Spirit. The world today needs genuinely spiritual persons whose lives are themselves the evidence of their spirituality. In I Corinthians 4:20 Paul reminded Christians in another church: "For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power."

Another dimension of this spiritual service is suggested. As stated earlier, we are set free to serve **one another**. This is the dimension of **mutual service** mentioned so frequently in the literature of the New Testament.

To live by the Spirit, then, is to engage in mutual service. This means serving others, but it also means giving others opportunity to serve us. We know that we demonstrate our love for others by serving them. But, what about letting others share in this joy by serving us? This is a widespread source of difficulty within families. All should be allowed to participate in the joy of service. It is a matter of mutuality.

Mutuality means that I must not keep all the good stuff for myself. Parents often wonder why children do not appreciate them when they do so much for them. But parents must be willing to let children do things for them as well. Pastors have a tendency to become professional servants, thereby not allowing laypersons the joys of service. The same could be said of husbands and wives, of teachers and students.

Dimensions of Service

Galatians 5:25-6:10 identifies some of the dimensions which this mutual service may assume. These positive suggestions must have been valuable for the Galatian church, and they are still valuable for us.

The first identified form of the service to which we are freed is **restoration**. If one "is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look at yourself, lest you too be tempted" (Gal. 6:1). It is easy to forget how much of the teaching of Jesus and how much of the New Testament is devoted to the activity of salvaging, restoring, reclaiming. I recall vividly hearing Dr. Marshall Steel say in a sermon that it does not take an awful lot of religion to sit in judgment on another, even though judgment is often identified as religion. The real test of our religion is our willingness to nurture, to restore. Remember, however, that this too is a matter of mutuality.

A second dimension of service is **burden bearing** (Gal. 6:2). We are urged to bear one another's burdens. Are you willing to get under the load of another? Are you able, with grace, to let another help you with your own burden?

The third dimension of the service of the liberated person is the **ability to let go**. Each person should be allowed to develop his or her own maturity to the point of being able to bear his or her own burdens (Gal. 6:5). The ultimate aim of burden-sharing is not to keep one person perpetually dependent upon another, but to help

each person to become able to carry his own load, thereby sustaining, perhaps even restoring, dignity. In the Book of Genesis, Cain raises the question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" The answer of the Christian faith is: "No; but you are your brother's brother." Keepers take away dignity by developing patterns of dependency. True brothers allow others to develop their own strengths in freedom. They have the good sense to know when to let go and the grace to do it.

The fourth dimension of freedom and its call to serve is **communication**. "Let him who is taught the word share all good things with him who teaches" (Gal. 6:6). Christians ought to be free to serve one another by communicating with one another. There are non-verbal means of communication, and often these are our most effective modes of communication. It should be kept in mind, however, that the most common method of communication is through conversation. The essence of Christianity is that it is dialogue, not monologue. It is dialogue between God and man, between person and person. The Christian is free to serve by talking **with**, by listening. This is vastly different from talking **to** or **at** another. A church in which vital conversation is valued and nourished by practice is likely to be a church healthy and alive. One in which an individual or a few do all the talking is likely to be an unhealthy one. Conversation means caring.

The fifth dimension of service listed in this chapter is **perseverance**. "... let us not grow weary in well-doing" (Gal. 6:9). A free person is able to continue in acts of service when it appears that immediate results are not forthcoming. Those who are enslaved to impatience cannot hold out.

Sowing and Reaping, a Law

Galatians 6:7, 8 is the classic reminder to the Christian that the laws of nature will operate in spiritual as well as in other affairs. There is no alternative in nature to the law of sowing and reaping. Jesus, Paul, and others too numerous to mention have attempted to get humanity to see and accept this, but we continue to act as if the law were restricted to the field of horticulture. The person who is free to acknowledge this is in a position to develop the courage to do something about averting disaster. Physically, morally, spiritually, intellectually, politically, we reap what has been sown. Maturity involves the ability to foresee and accept the inevitability of consequences. Space does not allow the listing of examples, but each reader can supply his or her own illustrations.

To Sum Up

For four weeks now we have focused our attention on freedom and grace. The basic point of this unit of lessons may be summarized in the text for today, found in Galatians 5:25, "If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit." A paraphrase is suggested: "Since we have been made alive and free in the Spirit, let us then conduct our affairs as befits spiritual persons."

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vestige of sectarianism and violence has been rooted out of" the country.

Evangelism Program, Ecumenical Cooperation Stressed

Continuing a theme which has been prominent during the past quinquennium, the WMC adopted a new five-year program of evangelism focused on "a personal experience of God, private integrity of living and a radical challenge to the unjust structures of society." The goal is to reach as many as possible of the 2.7 billion people who "have not received the good news of Jesus Christ."

United Methodist Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Columbus, Ohio, outgoing chairman of the evangelism committee, said that Methodists must "recognize that our work is not done until the whole world confesses our Lord."

Reviewing the WMC ecumenical commitment, the council in a resolution adopted after spirited debate said it will "cooperate fully with the global, regional and national agencies of the ecumenical

movement." It voiced "willingness to advise with its member churches which engaged in conversations and negotiations designed to bring about national and regional, especially international, church union."

Commended to WMC member churches was a report on five years of conversations between council representatives and the Roman Catholic Church. The document, while finding a large measure of agreement between the two sides, does not gloss over details of disagreement such as the "threefold ministry" and apostolic succession.

The report says that a notable recovery of eucharistic faith and practice among Methodists and a renewal in the theology and practice of the ministry of the word by Roman Catholics have resulted in a remarkable convergence so that at no other time has the worshipping life of Methodists and Roman Catholics had so much in common.

WMC officers were asked to appoint as soon as possible a new commission to continue the conversations. Similar dialogue will be sought with Orthodox leaders.

Discussing the ecumenical arena, United Methodist Bishop William R. Cannon of Atlanta, Ga., told the 2,500 conference participants that World Methodism should bring to any ecumenical setting the "treasures of our spirituality and doctrine." "If there's been any weakness in Methodism, it's been in our inability to share our unique treasures with others."

Responding to frustrations expressed by numerous delegates during the sessions here, the World Methodist Council on Aug. 28 agreed to assume a more active stance as a forum for expressing concerns of world-wide Methodism through more intentional organization and planning.

Larger Representation By Women Approved

Both women and youth charged under-representation in the WMC and the concurrent World Methodist Conference.

"You Are Youthless" said several posters put up around the mail hall of the Royal Dublin Society, site of the meetings, in reference to the lack of young people.

Myrta Pfeiffer, Aurora, Ill., outgoing president of the World Federation of Methodist Women, charged that the program committee for the conference ignored a list of distinguished women, including theologians, submitted by herself and Anne Marie Collin of Sweden. The women also objected to male language and the designation "Day of Brotherhood" as one of the daily themes here.

In an action near the end of the sessions, the WMC agreed to include 20 percent women on all its committees in the future.

Speakers Focus On Variety of Concerns

Addressing the World Methodist Conference in his new leadership capacity, Dr. Kenneth Greet voiced "three practical hopes" for the future of the WMC: "That we may learn more from each other; that we may respond more effectively to the pressure towards unity; and that we may help each other towards the goal which is holiness."

The sessions ended with the posing of

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News from the Churches

THE REV. MERLE JOHNSON, pastor of First Church, Forrest City, will be the speaker for a revival series at First Church, Mountain Home, Oct. 3-6. The Rev. John Workman, editor of *Arkansas Methodist*, was guest speaker for the September meeting of United Methodist Men at Mountain Home.

ALUMNI OF SCARRITT COLLEGE in the Arkansas area met with Mr. Robert Gentry, assistant to the President of Scarritt, at Pulaski Heights Church in Little Rock, on the evening of Sept. 1. Mr. Harris Vanderford, minister of youth and evangelism at Pulaski Heights church, was named convener for interested Scarritt alumni who will meet periodically. Other Arkansans present for the initial meeting were Mrs. Claude Deaton, Diane and Roger Holladay, Dr. Pearle McCain, Miss Virginia Shiras, Miss Floreta Skinner and Miss Olive Smith. Persons interested in the formation of a Scarritt alumni chapter may call Mr. Vanderford at 664-3600.

UNITED METHODIST MEN at Washington Avenue Church, North Little Rock, heard a program on Law Enforcement as they resumed Fall meetings last Tuesday evening. Mr. Herschel Gardner of the U.S. Marshall's Office spoke and showed slides.

THE HANDBELL CHOIR of Fordyce United Methodist Church, composed of ladies of that congregation, presented a special musical program for a September Family Night at First Church, Lonoke.

CENTRAL CHURCH, Rogers, has named Mr. John E. Copher as director of its Chancel and Handbell Choirs. Mr. Copher, a native of Chillicothe, Mo., has been associated with various churches, community choirs and other musical programs in Arkansas and Oklahoma, including the Tulsa Opera Chorus, Tulsa University Opera, Fort Smith Little Theatre, Westark Community College Productions and Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony in Eureka Springs.

LAY LEADER WOODROW COOK of Lake Street Church, Blytheville, presided over worship services in the absence of the Rev. Charles P. Reed, pastor and Mrs. Reed during a month-long vacation. Guest speakers were: Mr. Freddie Robert, a counselor in the local high school; Maj. Thomas M. Shreve, chaplain at Blytheville Air Force Base, and the Rev. Robert B. Kersey, ministerial student of Memphis. Sharing leadership responsibilities at the Promised Land Church, also pastored by Mr. Reed, were Mr. Thomas Moore and Mrs. Alton Hardy.



Dr. Terry — 41 years ago — during pastorate at Hawley.

Dr. Arthur Terry to speak at Hawley homecoming

Hawley Memorial Church, 11th Avenue and Cypress, Pine Bluff, announces a homecoming celebration planned for Sunday, Sept. 26, with Dr. Arthur Terry, pastor from 1931 to 1936, returning to preach at the 11 a.m. worship service. County Judge Randall Mathis of Arkadelphia, a former member of the Stamps-Baxter Quartet, will lead a song service at 1:30 p.m. following a potluck lunch. The Rev. Joe Arnold of Warren, another former pastor, will present the message for the closing worship service at 2:30 p.m.

The Rev. Tom Adkinson, the present pastor, and the congregation invite all friends of the church to attend any or all of the services which will begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

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SILVER HILL CHURCH in Camden District celebrated the Bicentennial year on Sunday, Aug. 22, using the theme, "The Way It Was." Mrs. Jewell Smith, the oldest member present, shared with the congregation early memories of the church. Church families displayed posters with snapshots of children and grandchildren. A potluck lunch followed the service, led by the Rev. Robert W. Johnson, pastor.

Surprise Celebration!

Members of Lakewood Church, North Little Rock, planned a surprise celebration for Dr. Clint Burleson (at right) and his family, to honor Dr. Burleson's completion of 25 years in the ministry. Dr. Olin Cook (beside him), chairman of the Administrative Board at Lakewood, on behalf of the congregation, presented to the Burleson family a love gift in the form of a "silver money tree."

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN of Gentry Church in Fayetteville District were hosts for a "Singspiration," last Friday evening, Sept. 9. Special music was provided by several area churches. A fellowship period followed the program.

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a series of "uncomfortable questions" which comprised a "Message to World Methodism." These challenges covered such areas as participation by all segments without regard to sex, age, race, ordination, nationality, color and language; evangelistic commitment; ecumenical interest; and human concerns.

Keynote speaker for the conference was United Methodist Bishop Earl G. Hunt Jr., of Nashville, Tenn. His address was characterized as "a ringing indictment of passive, lukewarm Christianity."

The bishop asserted that if the Christian movement and tradition known as Methodism is to survive, it must "recover a Christian's simple original rapture over Jesus Christ." To accomplish any of the tasks demanded by the Gospel in today's world, he continued, will require a "rediscovery of disciplined living."

A former president of both the World Council of Churches and the World Methodist Council, Charles C. Parlin of Englewood, N.J., told the conference that . . . theologians for 19 centuries had tended to magnify theological differences resulting in a fragmentation of the Christian family, but now are "trying to minimize, de-emphasize, and, if possible, eliminate some of the old points of contention."

Speaking on the global context for mission, the Rev. Mortimer Arias of Bolivia declared that the root of mission is in the Gospel but the shape of mission changes according to times and places.

Discussing the charismatic movement within Methodist churches in Latin America, the Rev. David Gutierrez of Mexico said there are two sides to the movement — one positive and helpful, the other harmful. This negative aspect, he said, is illustrated by a tendency among charismatic groups to form small, separate cells, apart from the rest of the local church, claiming "freedom in the Spirit." Turning to more positive factors, Dr. Gutierrez cited a growing interest in Bible study, the tightening of bonds of Christian fellowship even across denominational barriers, and greater interest on the part of young persons in the ministry.

Addressing the conference on "Ministry," Prof. Gordon Rupp of the University of Cambridge called for a renewal of the concept of the ordained ministry as the points of "shepherd and pastor" and "teaching."

Giving the keynote address to a consultation on worship and liturgy sponsored by the WMC committee, Dean Joseph D. Quillian Jr., of United Methodist's Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Texas, said that the service of Christian worship which most assuredly embodies the substance of the whole Gospel . . . is the service of Holy Communion.

In a eucharistic celebration televised live from St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, the Rev. Colin Morris, president of the British Methodist Church, said that the ultimate uniqueness of the Christian faith is its daring "to speak of God's dependence upon man." This, he said, is "a stupendous demonstration of faith."

Daily Bible Readings

Sept. 19—Sunday Josh. 23:1-11
Sept. 20 I Sam. 12:13-25
Sept. 21 Matt. 6:19-24
Sept. 22 Luke 14:15-24
Sept. 23 John 6:53-69
Sept. 24 Phil. 3:1-16
Sept. 25 II Cor. 6:14-7:1
Sept. 26—Sunday Gen. 28:10-22

Personalia



Millicent Sadler (Mrs. Harold)

Churchwoman named CPS

Millicent Sadler, secretary for Administration at St. Vincent Infirmary in Little Rock and an active member of Hunter Church, has been named a Certified Professional Secretary by the Institute for Certifying Secretaries. The course, offered at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, normally requires from three to five years of study; however, Mrs. Sadler completed the work in less than two years. She is now listed among Arkansas' elite group of CPS's. There are only 30 in the state.

Mrs. Sadler, her husband Harold, and 6-year-old son, Geoffrey Lynn attend Hunter Church, where she extends her secretarial expertise as recording secretary for both the Council on Ministries and the Administrative Board. Her parents are the Rev. and Mrs. Charles P. Reed of Blytheville.

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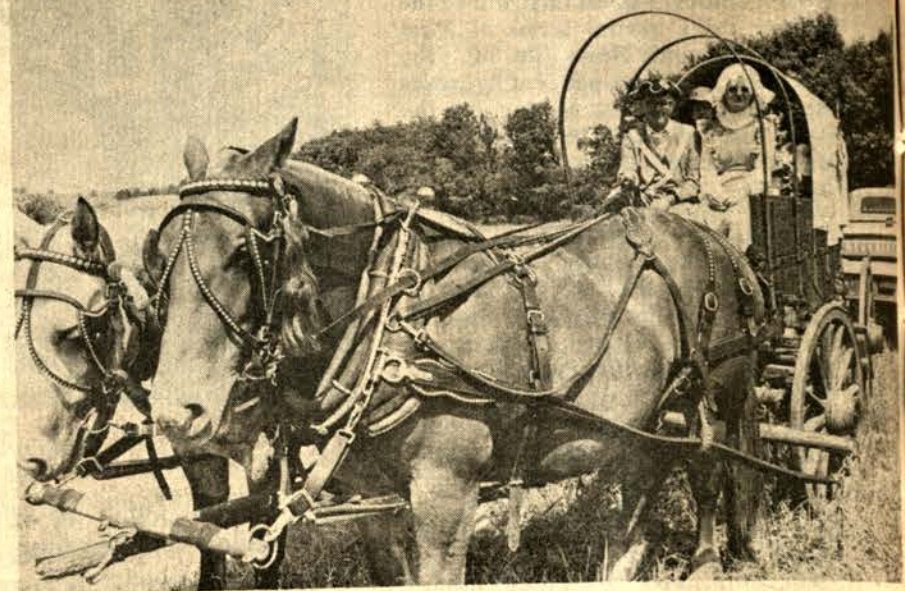
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Young musicians honored

Terrie Stroud and Melanie Grace (center, left to right) of First Church, Mena, were honored with gifts at a recent choir party in recognition of their service to their church as organist and pianist during their high school years. During a Sunday morning worship service they were presented plaques of appreciation by their pastor, the Rev. R. T. Jerrell, and choir director, Tacie Florence. The two young ladies, who entered the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville as roommates this fall, are shown with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stroud (at left) and Dr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Grace (right).

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Bicentennial wagon a winner

The 32-member UMY of First Church, Huntsville, won first place with the Bicentennial wagon shown here in fair parades at Siloam Springs, Huntsville, and again at Hindsville in a Sept. 4th Bicentennial Parade. In the driver's seat is Mr. Orba Youngblood (in three-cornered hat), owner of the wagon loaned for use on hayrides and picnics between parades. The Huntsville church, established in 1840, like many other smaller churches, is experiencing a resurging vitality and growth following a long period of decreased activity.

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A 'Love Offering' for Tom Smith

Mr. Tom Smith, retiring after 21 years as caretaker at First Church, Blytheville, receives a check for \$1800 during that church's recent celebration of Tom Smith Appreciation Day. Administrative Board Chairman Calvin Hollingsworth presents the love gift as the Rev. Floyd G. Villines Jr. (left) and Mrs. Smith, also a long-time employee, look on approvingly.

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Fifty Years of Marriage Celebrated

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hurt of Griffin Memorial Church, Paragould, were presented at the altar of their church by their pastor, the Rev. Leon Wilson, in recognition of their 50th wedding anniversary. Following the service the congregation honored the couple and their family with a luncheon. They are shown here at the afternoon reception hosted by their children in fellowship hall.

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Musician certified

Mrs. James Steinegger (center), director of the music program at Huntington Avenue Church, Jonesboro, was certified as a Director of Music at the recent session of North Arkansas Annual Conference. The Rev. Victor Nixon, pastor, looks on during a recent Sunday morning service as Mrs. Steinegger receives a parchment designating her new status, from the Rev. Arvill C. Brannon of the conference Council on Ministries staff.

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Brinkley Church Refurbished By Texas Youth Group

Wesley Chapel Church, Brinkley "benefited both materially and spiritually" during the recent three-day working visit by the Senior High Youth group of St. Philip United Methodist Church, Houston, Tex., according to the Rev. Lorne Piercey, assistant coordinator for the Marianna Larger Parish and acting pastor. (The Rev. Edward Davis, pastor, was away attending the summer Course of Study School at Perkins School of Theology.)

Traveling in an old school bus the Texas youth and their adult sponsors spent their nights at Bear Creek Camp near Marianna and during the days cleaned and scraped, and with rollers and brushes applied 40 gallons of new paint to the church. In addition, they cleaned and mowed the grounds, repaired the church roof and built a new signboard.

On the final evening, having completed the project, the Texas group entertained with song and joined with the Wesley Chapel choir in congregational singing. An offering was received, with the visitors making contributions to help pay for the paint.



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